



**City of Kingston
Conservation Advisory Council
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**Monthly Meeting Minutes
City Hall Conference Room 1
June 1, 2011**

Roll Call 7:04pm

Board Members in attendance:

Judith Deming
Sophie Dolamore
Elizabeth Higgins
Gregg Swanzey
Casey Schwarz

Others in attendance

Climate Analyst, Rich Schiafo

Maxine Segarnick, intern for Rich Shiaofo

Jennifer Schwartz, UC Planning Dept.

Approval of Minutes – Gregg approved the May minutes Judith 2nd (no changes)

Old Business:

CSGJC Action Plan

- a. Climate Analyst Update: Rich is focused on gathering data and info to do the greenhouse gas inventory. To do this he has worked with Central Hudson and Hess Energy to identify the accounts for agencies in the city. 2010 will be the baseline year. It was a challenge to identify all of the accounts for the city because there is no consistency in the names on the Central Hudson bills allowing for easy access to all city agency accounts and because the City now has its energy supplied by Hess and delivered by Central Hudson and there is not a single billing system set up at this point. In addition, Rich is finding It is necessary to also look at both Central Hudson and Hess accounts to determine actual cost of supply and delivery of electricity and natural gas. a different set of bills to determine the price as the Central Hudson bills do not break down the actual prices paid per unit as Central Hudson bills for other purveyors of electricity. There was some discussion about methodology of the study and the issues around cost data collection for future efforts. Some members felt that it might be sufficient, if there were concerns about time and meeting other plan objectives (and a concern about replicability of the study in the future), to use average price data for the period so long as the actual consumption data was captured. Rich disagreed with trying to use average cost/price data because he felt that actual cost data set should be as would be more accurate as possible less time consuming to analyze and more replicable in the future . More

importantly Rich felt that in trying to reduce energy usage, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet the overall goals of the pledge accurate cost data is very important because saving money and reducing costs is going to appeal to more people than reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

- b. ICLEI Software/funding. The Catalyst Fund provided \$2,250 to the CAC to join ICLEI and access their software, to produce copies of the plan, to produce the Bard student posters and to develop and print brochures.
- c. Vehicle inventory. Maxine reported on her work on the vehicle inventory for the Plan. She has met with CitiBus and gotten the data on mileage/make/age. As far as future sustainability, CitiBus has not considered hybrids at this point because it is their opinion and concern that fuel savings would not offset the maintenance costs of these vehicles, particularly battery replacement for the hybrid buses. Additionally, in-house mechanics would have to be retrained to work on hybrid vehicles.
initial cost of the vehicle and the lack of staff, in house, qualified to make repairs. UCAT has some hybrids.

Website/Social Media Update

- a. Facebook: Sophie has made Gregg an administrator on the Facebook site. The other CAC members can become administrators too, which will allow anyone in the CAC to post to the Facebook site as an administrator.

Council Vacancies

- a. This was the last meeting for Felipa, Valeria and Sophie. The CAC thanks all three for their service to the CAC.
- b. CAC members are encouraged to help recruit new members to fill the vacant positions.

Kingston Natural Resource Inventory

- a. Gregg and Liz reported on the initial meeting on developing a NRI map for Kingston. Liz has checked with Amanda LaValle of the County and she (Amanda) believes that Steve Noble has most of the GIS data layers that we would need, but can provide them if we need them. She also could print up some maps for us. Jennifer Schwartz (of UC Planning) offered to provide assistance to the Kingston NRI effort. The next meeting is on July 12th.

New Business

None

Announcements/Communications

The next CAC meeting will be on July 6th.

Liaison Meeting Reports

The last public safety meeting was taken up by the public meeting on the Roundabout.

Adjournment: 8:20pm